



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Yan et al.

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For: Isolated Homozygous Stem Cells, Differentiated Cells Derived Therefrom, And Materials And Methods For Making And Using Same.

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Woitach, Joseph T.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:


In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, requesting an election of claims in the above-referenced patent application, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of **Group 1 (Claims 1-6,70-73, 75, 80, 82-84)**, without traverse.

This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected groups. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required

therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,
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